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UNAUTHORIZED OPERATION JUDGEMENT PROGRAM"

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REMARKS

The attached PTO/SB/08 form lists related art references for the above identified application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), no copies of the U.S. patent documents are being supplied herewith, but will be provided upon request.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of Japanese Patent References B5 and B6 was discussed in the Specification. An English-language abstract for these references has been provided.

References B1–B4, B7, and C1–C3 were cited in the International Search Report. References B1, B4, and B7 are Japanese patent documents for which an English-language translation of the abstract has been provided. Reference B3 is also a Japanese patent document, which corresponds to European patent document B2 (also noted in the International Search Report) and also corresponds to reference A1, which is a U.S. Patent.

Reference C1 is an English-language article, so no further commentary on its teaching is required. References C2 and C3 are Japanese-language articles, for which an English-language abstract has been provided.

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